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Dear County Board Supervisors:

This past year, 2021, saw a continuation of issues from the pandemic. Thankfully we were able to slowly move into more normal Court procedures. However, there were still frequent delays due to COVID. The Courts worked to start addressing the back log from the full-stop on trials during most of 2020, but with constant re-surfing case counts, we did not have as many trials as we would have liked. This also affected our budget as we had to re-serve witnesses multiple times.

Thankfully we had all learned to be flexible and continued to learn how to use the new technology that had become our mainstay in 2020 – Zoom. The Courtrooms now are able to utilize that technology with some participants in the Courtroom and others remote. This is going to be a long-term boon to the criminal justice system as it allows for better access to the system.

Referrals for criminal, traffic, and forfeiture offenses, as well as juvenile matters largely increased in 2020. This, combined with the backlog in the courts and is reflected in the case numbers pending in the system, which increased during 2021. I shouldn't give a sneak peek into 2022, but I feel compelled to say the system has been really pushing to clear this backlog and get back on track.

Jefferson County continues to employ evidence-based practices in our criminal justice system through our Drug and Alcohol Treatment Courts, and the First Offender Program. We saw a marked decrease in the number of participants in these programs during the pandemic. The treatment court team recognized that and the DA's Office worked with other stake holders to make changes to encourage participation. The numbers show we started to rebound in these programs in 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Monica J. Hall", written in dark ink on a light background.

Monica J. Hall
Jefferson County District Attorney

2022 ANNUAL REPORT
JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



SUMMARY

The office of the District Attorney is created under Chapter 978 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The District Attorney's Office represents the people of the State of Wisconsin and County of Jefferson in circuit court. The District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys prosecute state criminal matters, forfeiture actions, state and county traffic code and ordinance violations, Department of Natural Resources violations and juvenile cases. The District Attorney also provides education to law enforcement through yearly in-service training.

The District Attorney oversees the First Offender Program, which diverts defendants out of the formal court process. The First Offender Program Director meets with individual offenders and develops a personalized contract. The length and conditions of the contract depend on the nature and seriousness of the offense, his or her adjustment, treatment needs and need for supervision. The First Offender Program Director then monitors the offender to ensure that he or she is following through on their contract conditions.

The District Attorney also operates the Victim/Witness Program, which provides statutory and constitutionally mandated support to victims and witnesses of crime. The primary purpose of the Victim/Witness program is to provide information, referral and support to citizens and law enforcement officers who have been victims or witnesses to crimes, and to ensure that the services mandated under Chapter 950, Wis. Stats., are made available to them.

The District Attorney's office consists of one District Attorney and five Assistant District Attorneys, all of whom are state employees. County employees include the Office Manager, Justice Computer Specialist, five Legal Secretaries, Victim/Witness Coordinator, Paralegal and First Offender Program Director.

REFERRALS RECEIVED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Felonies	1030	1368	1544
Misdemeanors	2377	2773	3113
Delinquencies/JIPS (Juvenile in Need of Protection or services)	217	236	320
CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services)	121	0	0
Juvenile FO's	73	87	102
Juvenile Guardianships	3	0	0
Juvenile TPR (Termination of Parent Rights)	0	0	0
Criminal Traffic	704	760	954
Forfeitures	95	103	100
Civil Traffic	944	1683	914
Civil	2	6	2

Domestic Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Misdemeanor	594	450	428
Felony	85	71	92

OWI Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Forfeiture OWI	166	89	112
Misdemeanor OWI (criminal traffic)	242	109	120
Felony OWI	39	48	57

Drug Referrals Received from Law Enforcement

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Misdemeanor	282	402	418
Felony	171	319	304

ALCOHOL TREATMENT COURT PARTICIPANTS

(By acceptance date)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
OWI 3 rd	22	13	14
OWI 3 rd with minor	1		0
OWI 4 th *	17	15	20
OWI 5 th	5	5	4
OWI 6 th	4	3	2

*All OWI 4th offenses are now felonies

DRUG TREATMENT COURT PARTICIPANTS*

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Possession of Narcotics	13	14
Burglary	1	1
Theft	3	2
OMWOC	1	2
Possession of Cocaine	2	0
Possession of THC	1	0
Possession of Cocaine	2	0
Possession of Methamphetamine	2	3
Hit and Run	1	1
Possession w/intent to deliver	2	2
Bail Jumping	2	0
Obtain Illegal Prescription	0	0
Possession of Heroin (2 nd offense)	0	0
Identity Theft	3	0
Felony Theft	1	0
Theft with special facts	1	0
Poss. with intent to abuse hazardous substance		1

* In 2018, there were a total of 26 Drug Treatment Court participants. Many participants have more than one charge that is routed through treatment court. This is a listing of all offenses for all participants.

CASES FILED WITH THE COURTS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Felonies	502	528	594
Misdemeanors	425	445	379
Criminal Traffic	705	602	676
Traffic Forfeiture	909	1326	906
Traffic FO	75	111	102
Civil	0	1	1
Delinquencies & JIPS	48	30	29
CHIPS	56	0	0
Juvenile Forfeitures	27	16	3
Juvenile Guardianships	2	0	0
Juvenile TPR's	0	0	0

CASES OPEN IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

(INCLUDES THOSE FILED WITH THE COURT AND THOSE UNDER REVIEW FOR POSSIBLE CHARGES)

	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>
Felonies	476	402	1084
Misdemeanors	957	324	1706
Criminal Traffic	270	285	456
Forfeiture Traffic	60	176	41
Civil Traffic	8	11	45
Civil	0	0	0
Delinquencies & JIPS	15	20	1
CHIPS	0*	0*	0*
Juvenile Forfeitures	1	3	0
Juvenile Guardianships	0*	0*	0*
Juvenile TPR's	0*	0*	0*
TOTAL OPEN CASES	1787	1221	2856

***These cases have been reassigned to Corporation Counsel**

HOMICIDES
(By referral date)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>202</u>
Homicide	0	3	1
Reckless Homicide	0	0	0
Reckless Homicide drug related	3	3	7
OWI alcohol related	0	1	0
OWI drugs related	0	1	0
Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle	0	0	0
Domestic Related	0	0	0

FIRST OFFENDER PROGRAM

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Persons Accepted in current year*	198	82	68
Persons in program as of end of year**	105	70	70
Persons who completed program***	82	91	71
Fees collected	\$32,017.28	\$24,833.22	\$21,155.00

*This number is only those participants who were new to the program in the current year.

**This number includes all participants who have not completed the program at the end of the current year regardless of year accepted.

***These participants may have been accepted into the program in a year other than the current year.

VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
All Contacts	3378	2885	3454
Witness Cancellations	1038	712	879
Officer Cancellations	1722	2033	1998
Writs to transport witnesses from custody	17	7	3

Officer and witness cancellations result in less overtime paid by departments and witness fees paid by the county.

SUBPOENA COSTS THROUGH 2021

Cases that did not proceed with cancelled subpoenas

Total Cancellations: 1,337

Total Cost for the Year: \$22,704.00

Police Cancellations: 1,975

Civilian Cancellations: 492

Others: 400

Cases that proceeded with served subpoenas

Total: 705

Total Cost for the Year: \$3,038.00

Police Served/Notified: 742

Civilians Served: 83

Others: 63